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Online scams pose a significant risk on the internet, with scammers attempting to deceive individuals during various online activities. This lesson will guide you through a real-life story involving an online scam and help you understand how to protect yourself from such situations.

Phone Call:

- The buyer's tone is suspicious, as well as her reasons for buying the sneakers.
- DeShawn should be a bit skeptical about the situation and wait for the buyer to pay to send the sneakers.
- DeShawn should wait and see if the payment is authentic before doing anything else.

Email/Receipt:

- DeShawn never gave his email address to the buyer, but she still managed to get it.
- DeShawn should have been really careful from the start and checked carefully the email address and logos on the confirmation email.
- He should have checked his payment app from the start.
- He should block and report the buyer.

Should DeShawn Ship the Shoes?

- DeShawn should **not** shipt the shoes.
    - The buyer is clearly trying to scam him out of his money.
    - The buyer is probably not willing to pay for the shoes.
- DeShawn should only ship the shoes if the person pays through the original website.
    - The payment website should email him to tell him he was paid. His account should also show that payment arrived.

Group's Decision: DeShawn shouldn't ship the shoes.

- Did your group make the same choice as DeShawn?
    - Yes.
- If not, would you change your decision, based on what you've learned?

    - No, because you have to be careful who you send this information to.
- If you did, what warning signs did you see and which did you miss?
    - The title below.

Warning Signs:

- Even if the phone call was already suspicious, it became even more sketchy after thinking about it carefully and realizing the buyer hung up before DeShawn could ask questions.
- A huge warning site was when the buyer asked DeShawn to leave the auction site.
- The buyer asked for DeShawn's information over a phone call he didn't start.

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